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# WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A BAT?

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[Wikipedia](#) citation

[Thomas Nagel](#) argues that while a human might be able to imagine what it is like to be a bat by taking “the bat’s point of view”, it would still be impossible “to know what it is like for a bat to be a bat”... While it is possible to imagine what it would be like to fly, navigate by sonar, hang upside down and eat insects like a bat, that is not the same as a bat’s perspective.

[Animal consciousness](#) is still terra incognita while I also assume that “humans are not unique in possessing the neurological substrates that generate consciousness.”

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